(*b*) The project was found to be prohibitively costly.

(*c*) Modified proposals are being examined and the project will be taken up for sanction if it is found feasible.

Restoration of Alalasandra Tank in Koratagere Taluk.

*Q.—168. Sri K. L. NARASIMHIAH (Hebbur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that restoration of Alalasandra Tank in Kolala Hobli, Koratagere Taluk is estimated for Rs. 1,54,000 and an irrigation enquiry was also held long back;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the estimate is not sanctioned so far;

(*c*) if so, whether they will examine and sanction it early?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes; the estimate amounts to Rs. 1,52,000.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The project is under examination and will be sanctioned, if it is found feasible.

Repairs to Tanks in Sira and Pavagada Taluks

*Q.—212. Sri ANJANAPPA (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they will repair the breached tanks and tanks in disrepair in Sira and Pavagada taluks during this year?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

Repairs will be effected as far as possible during this year.

Revision of Pay Scales of Licenciate Doctors.

*Q.—430. Sri DUGGAPPA (Chitradurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when did Government revise the pay scales of Licenciate Doctors in Medical and Public Health Department;

(*b*) whether the promotion of these officers depends upon their completing the condensed M.B.B.S. course?

A.—Sri K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) In July, 1959.

(*b*) No.

Construction of Project across North Pennar River near Nagamadike.

*Q.—218. Sri P. ANJANAPPA (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that about 3,000 acres of land would be irrigated if a project is constructed across North Pennar River near Nagamadike;

(*b*) if so, whether they will take up the work?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Preliminary investigations have shown that only an area of about 927 acres can be irrigated. Further investigations are being conducted.

(*b*) This will be considered after investigations are over.

Construction of pick-up near Kenganapalya in Koratagere Taluk.

*Q.—170. Sri K. L. NARASIMHIAH (Hebbur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact the construction of pick-up across Jayamangali below Irakasnadra tank near Kenganapalya in Koratagere Taluk is estimated for Rs. 70,000 to feed 145 acres;

(*b*) whether they will examine and sanction it early under Minor Irrigation Scheme?

4.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of sanction will be considered, if the project is found feasible.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS) BILL, 1958.

Presentation of Report of the Select Committee.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Public Service Commission (Conduct of Business and Additional Functions) Bill, 1958.

REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE YEARS 1954 TO 1957.

(Scope of Discussion)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before we take up the discussion of the reports on the working of the Public Service Commission for the years 1954 to 1957, I would like to indicate very briefly the permissible limits of such discussion. On a number of occasions in the past, the question has been raised as to how far members can refer to the Public Service Commission either in debate or during question hour. I hope what I will say will set at rest all doubts on this point.

I would refer at the outset to the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Union Public Service Commission. Relevant articles are the following: 316 which relates to the appointment of the Chairman and other members of the Commission by the Governor of the State; 317 which makes provision for suspension and removal of members; 318 which refers to regulation as to conditions of service of members and staff of the Commission; 320 sets out the functions of the Commission and the need to consult the Commission on matters specified therein and for empowering the Governor to make regulations specifying the matters in which either generally or in any particular class of case or in any particular circumstances it shall not be necessary for a Public Service Commission to be consulted. Article 323 requires that the State Commission should present annually to the Governor a report of the work done and the Governor has on receipt of such report to cause a copy thereof to be laid before the Legislature together with a memorandum explaining as respects the cases, if any, where the advice of the Commission was not accepted.

I would particulary invite attention to article 317 under which a Member of the Public Service Commission can only be removed from office except in certain cases specified in article 317 (3) by an order of the President on the ground of misbehaviour after the Supreme Court has on enquiry reported that such Member ought to be removed on such ground.

We have provided in our rules, namely, 288 (*v*) that a member while speaking shall not reflect upon the conduct of persons in high authority unless the discussion is based on a substantive motion drawn in proper terms. The explanation to this subrule reads as follows: "the words 'persons in high authority' means persons whose conduct can only be discussed on a substantive motion drawn in proper terms under the Constitution or such other persons whose conduct in the opinion of the Speaker should be discussed on a substantive motion drawn up in terms to be approved by him."

A reading of these articles and our rules therefore makes it clear that criticism of suggestions or decisions of the Commission will not be relevant because the Commission is a constitutional authority.

In the Rajya Sabha when the consideration of the U. P. S. C. reports was before that House, it was clearly ruled on 22nd December 1954 as follows:—

"Any debate in Parliament may rightly include criticism of Government